LINEAR MODELS FOR CLASSIFICATION (PART 2)

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PROBABILISTIC DISCRIMINATIVE MODELS

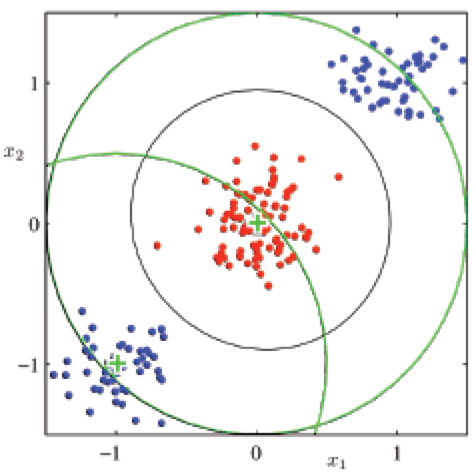
Topics in Linear Classification using Probabilistic Discriminative Models

- Nonlinear basis functions in linear classification
- Logistic Regression
  - Two-class, Multi-class
  - Parameter estimation
    - Maximum Likelihood
    - Iterative Reweighted Least Squares
- Probit Regression

Nonlinear Basis Functions in Linear Models

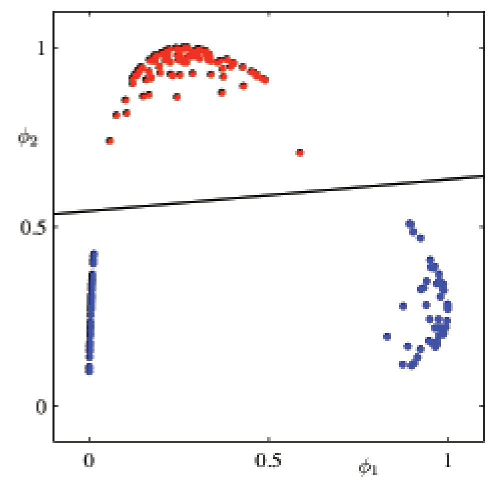
- Although we use linear classification models
  - Linear-separability in feature space does not imply linear-separability in input space
  - Developing useful features to enable linear separable feature space is called "feature engineering."

Original Input Space



Nonlinear transformation of inputs using vector of basis functions $\phi(x)$

Feature Space (ϕ_1, ϕ_2)



not linearly separable

linearly separable

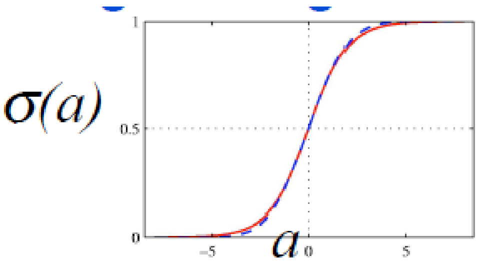
2. Logistic Regression

- Feature vector ϕ , two-classes *C1* and *C2*
- *A posteriori* probability *p(C$_1$|ϕ)* can be written as

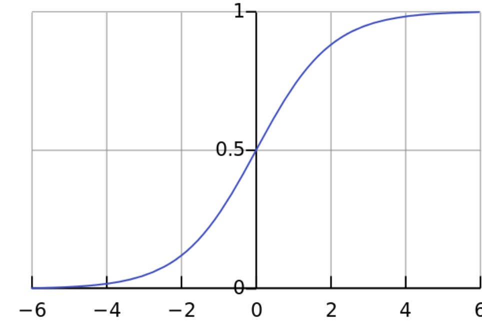
$$p(C_1|\phi) = y(\phi) = \sigma(w^T\phi)$$

  where ϕ is a *M*-dimensional feature vector
  $\sigma(\cdot)$ is the logistic sigmoid function
- Goal is to determine the *M* parameters
- Known as logistic regression in statistics
  - Although a model for classification rather than for regression

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-a)}$$



Logistic Sigmoid



- $\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-a)}$
- $1 - \sigma(a) = \frac{1+\exp(-a)-1}{1+\exp(-a)} = \frac{\exp(-a)}{1+\exp(-a)} = \frac{1}{\exp(a)+1} = \sigma(-a)$
- Symmetric: $\sigma(-a) = 1 - \sigma(a)$
- $a = \ln\left(\frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma}\right)$ is the log odds ratio
- $\ln\left(\frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma}\right) = \ln\frac{p(C_1|x)}{p(C_2|x)}$
- $\frac{\partial\sigma(a)}{\partial a} = (-1)(1 + \exp(-a))^{-2}(-\exp(-a))$
- $= \frac{\exp(-a)}{[1+\exp(-a)]^2} = \sigma(a)\frac{\exp(-a)}{1+\exp(-a)} = \sigma(a)(1 - \sigma(a))$

Fewer Parameters in Linear Discriminative Model

- Discriminative approach (Logistic Regression)
  - For M -dim space: M adjustable parameters
- Generative based on Gaussians (Bayes/NB) (Omitted)
    - $2M$ parameters for mean
    - $M(M+1)/2$ parameters for shared covariance matrix
    - Two class priors
    - Total of $M(M+5)/2 + 1$ parameters
      - Grows quadratically with M
    - If features assumed independent (naïve Bayes) still needs $M+3$ parameters

Determining Logistic Regression parameters

- Maximum Likelihood Approach for Two classes

  Data set $\{\phi_n, t_n\}$

  where $t_n \in \{0,1\}$ and $\phi_n = \phi(x_n), n = 1, \dots, N$

  Since t_n is binary we can use Bernoulli

  Let y_n be the probability that $t_n = 1$

- Likelihood function associated with *N* observations

$$p(t|w) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1-t_n}$$

- where $t = (t_1, \dots, t_N)^T$, and
- $y_n = p(C_1|\phi_n)$

Error Function for Logistic Regression

Likelihood function

$$p(t|w) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1-t_n}$$

Error function is the negative of the log-likelihood

$$E(w) = -\ln p(t|w)$$

$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

Gradient of Error Function

- Error function:
- $E(w) = -\ln p(t|w) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\{t_n \ln y_n + (1-t_n)\ln(1-y_n)\}$
- where $y_n = \sigma(w^T\phi_n)$
- Want to compute $\nabla E(w) = \frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w}$
- Recall: $\frac{\partial \sigma(a)}{\partial a} = \sigma(a)\big(1-\sigma(a)\big)$,
- Let $z = z_1 + z_2$,
- where $z_1 = t\ln\sigma(w^T\phi)$, $z_2 = (1-t)\ln[1-\sigma(w^T\phi)]$.
- $\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w} = \frac{t\,\sigma(w^T\phi)\big(1-\sigma(w^T\phi)\big)\phi}{\sigma(w^T\phi)} = t[1-\sigma(w^T\phi)]\phi$
- $\frac{\partial z_2}{\partial w} = \frac{(1-t)(-1)\sigma(w^T\phi)(1-\sigma(w^T\phi)\phi}{1-\sigma(w^T\phi)} = (t-1)\sigma(w^T\phi)\phi$
- $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w} + \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial w} = \big(t-\sigma(w^T\phi)\big)\phi$

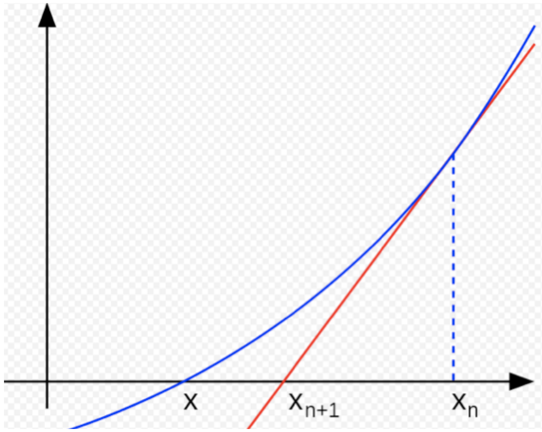
Gradient of Error Function (Cont'd.)

- Error function:
- $E(w) = -\ln p(t|w) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\{t_n \ln y_n + (1-t_n)\ln(1-y_n)\}$
- where $y_n = \sigma(w^T\phi_n)$
- Let $z = z_1 + z_2$,
- where $z_1 = t\ln\sigma(w^T\phi)$, $z_2 = (1-t)\ln[1-\sigma(w^T\phi)]$.
- $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w} + \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial w} = \left(t - \sigma(w^T\phi)\right)\phi$
- $\nabla E(w) = \frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w} = \sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - t_n)\phi_n$
- Contribution to gradient by data point *n* is error between target t_n and prediction $y_n = \sigma(w^T\phi_n)$ times basis ϕ_n

Finding the Minimal Value of $E(w)$

- It is clear from the previous slide that we cannot not solve $\nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N}(y_n - t_n)\phi_n = 0$ for w directly.
- Need numerical algorithm for this task.
- Solving for $\nabla E(w) = 0$ is sometimes called the root finding problem.
- One well known approach is called the Newton-*Raphson* Method.
- Start with x_n, use the tangent line at $f(x_n)$ to determine x_{n+1}, and repeat.

Newton's Method



$$f'(x_n) = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_n) - 0}{x_n - x_{n+1}}.$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

Since we are solving for the derivative of *E*(w) Hessian of E(w) is needed

Newton-*Raphson* Method (One Dimensional)

- Example: Given $f(x) = x^5 + x - 1$
- Use $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ to approximate the root
- $f'(x) = 5x^4 + 1$, we start from $x_1 = 1$,

- starting from x= 1
- step 1 : 0.5
- step 2 : -0.6666667
- step 3 : -0.7681159
- step 4 : -0.7551625
- step 5 : -0.7548778
- step 6 : -0.7548777
- step 7 : -0.7548777
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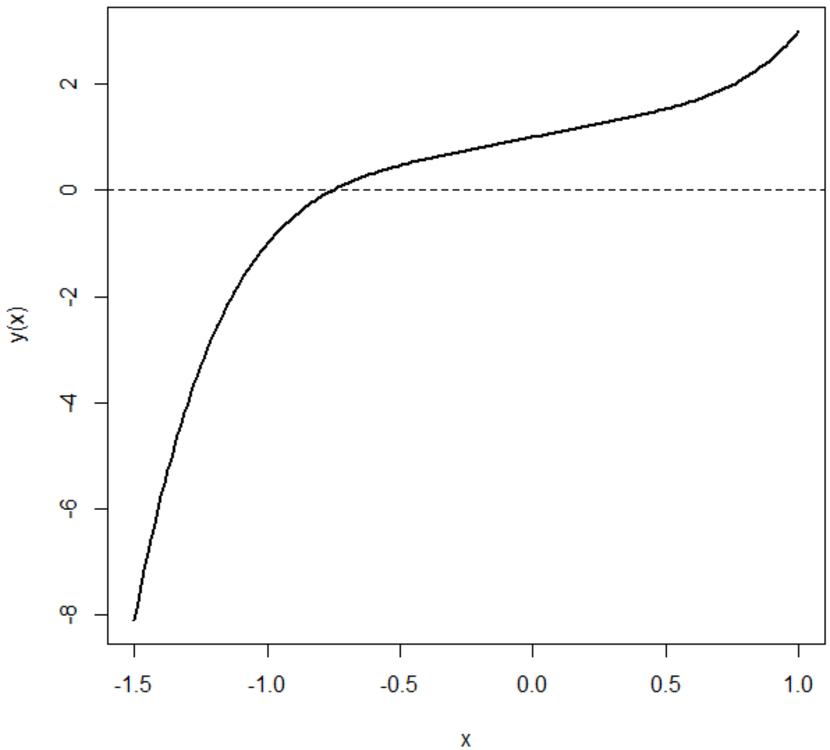


Iterative Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS)

- Efficient approximation using *Newton-Raphson* iterative optimization
- $w^{(new)} = w^{(old)} - H^{-1} \nabla E(w)$
  - where *H* is the Hessian matrix
- $H = \frac{\partial}{\partial w^T}\left(\frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w}\right) = \frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w \partial w^T} = \nabla\nabla E(w)$
- Elements in H are the second derivatives of *E(*w*)* with respect to the components of w

Two applications of IRLS

- IRLS is applicable to both Linear Regression and Logistic Regression
- We discuss both, for each we need
  1. Error function *E(*w*)*
     - Linear Regression: Sum of Squared Errors
     - Logistic Regression: Bernoulli Likelihood Function
  2. Gradient $\nabla E(w)$
  3. Hessian $H = \nabla\nabla E(w)$
  4. Newton-Raphson update

$$w^{(new)} = w^{(old)} - H^{-1}\nabla E(w)$$

IRLS for Linear Regression

- Recall the linear regression model is:
- $y(x,w) = \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(x) = w^T \phi(x)$
- Data set: $X = \{x_n, t_n\}$ $n = 1, \dots, N$

1. Error Function: Sum of Squared Errors

$$E(w) = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\{t_n - w^T\phi(x_n)\}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{t} - \Phi w)^T(\boldsymbol{t} - \Phi w)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[\boldsymbol{t}^T\boldsymbol{t} - 2w^T\Phi^T\boldsymbol{t} + w^T\Phi^T\Phi w]$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(\mathrm{x}_1) & \phi_1(\mathrm{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi_{M-1}(\mathrm{x}_1) \\ \phi_0(\mathrm{x}_2) & & & \\ & & & \\ \phi_0(\mathrm{x}_N) & & & \phi_{M-1}(\mathrm{x}_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

Φ is the *N* x *M* design matrix whose n^{th} row is given by ϕ_n^T

2. Gradient of Error Function is:

$$\nabla E(w) = \Phi^T\Phi w - \Phi^T\boldsymbol{t}$$

3. Hessian is:

$$H = \nabla\nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\phi_n\phi_n^T = \Phi^T\Phi$$

4. Newton-Raphson for Linear Regression

$$w^{(new)} = w^{(old)} - H^{-1}\nabla E(w)$$

Substituting: $H = \Phi^T\Phi$ and $\nabla E(w) = \Phi^T\Phi w - \Phi^T\boldsymbol{t}$

$$\begin{aligned} w^{(new)} &= w^{(old)} - (\Phi^T\Phi)^{-1}\{\Phi^T\Phi w^{(old)} - \Phi^T\boldsymbol{t}\} \\ &= (\Phi^T\Phi)^{-1}\Phi^T\boldsymbol{t} \end{aligned}$$

which is the standard least squares solution

Since it is independent of w, Newton-Raphson gives exact solution in one step

IRLS for Logistic Regression

- Posterior probability of class C_1 is

$$p(C_1|\phi) = y(\phi) = \sigma(w^T\phi)$$

- Likelihood Function
  - For data set $\{\phi_n, t_n\}$, $t_n \in \{0,1\}$, $\phi_n = \phi(x_n)$
  - $p(t|w) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} y_n^{t_n}\{1-y_n\}^{1-t_n}$
- Error Function

$$E(w) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\{t_n \ln y_n + (1-t_n)\ln(1-y_n)\}$$

$$y_n = \sigma(w^T\phi_n)$$

IRLS for Logistic Regression

- Gradient of Error Function:

$$\nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n)\phi_n = \Phi^T(y - t)$$

- $y_n = \sigma(w^T \phi_n)$
- Hessian: $H = \nabla\nabla E(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n(1 - y_n)\phi_n\phi_n^T = \Phi^T R\Phi$
- R is NxN diagonal matrix with elements: $R_{nn} = y_n(1 - y_n)$
- Hessian is not constant and depends on w through R
- Since H is positive-definite (i.e., for arbitrary u, $u^T Hu>0$), error function is a concave function of w and so has a unique minimum

IRLS for Logistic Regression

- Newton-Raphson update:

$$w^{(new)} = w^{(old)} - H^{-1}\nabla E(w)$$

- Substituting $H = \Phi^T R \Phi$ and $\nabla E(w) = \Phi^T(y - t)$
  - $w^{(new)} = w^{(old)} - (\Phi^T R \Phi)^{-1}\Phi^T(y - t)$
  - $= (\Phi^T R \Phi)^{-1}\{\Phi^T R \Phi w^{(old)} - \Phi^T(y - t)\}$
  - $= (\Phi^T R \Phi)^{-1}\Phi^T R\left\{\Phi w^{(old)} - R^{-1}(y - t)\right\}$
  - $= (\Phi^T R \Phi)^{-1}\Phi^T R z$
- z is a *N*-dimensional vector with elements
- $z = \Phi w^{(old)} - R^{-1}(y - t)$

Update formula is a set of normal equations
Since Hessian depends on w
Apply them iteratively each time using the new weight vector

Question

- What may go wrong if we have a lot of features?

Multi-class Logistic Regression

- Work with soft-max function instead of logistic sigmoid
- $P(C_k|\phi) = y_k(\phi) = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_j \exp(a_j)}$
- where $a_k = w_k^T \phi$

Multi-class Likelihood Function

- *1*-of –*K* Coding Scheme
  - For feature vector ϕ_n, target vector t_n belonging to class C_k is a binary vector with all elements zero except for element k

$$p(T|w_1, \ldots, w_k) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{k=1}^{K} p(C_k|\phi_n)^{t_{nk}} = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{k=1}^{K} y_{nk}^{t_{nk}}$$

  - where $y_{nk} = y_k(\phi_n)$
  - subject to (s.t.) $\sum_k t_{nk} = 1$ (because of 1-of-K coding)
  - T is a *N x K* matrix of elements with elements t_{nk}

Multi-class Error Function

- Error Function: negative log-likelihood

$$E(w_1, \dots, w_k) = -\ln p(T|w_1, \dots, w_k) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\sum_{k=1}^{K} t_{nk} \ln y_{nk}$$

- Derivatives of soft-max:
- $y_k(\phi) = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_j \exp(a_j)}$, $a_k = w_k^T \phi$
- $\frac{\partial y_k}{\partial a_j} = y_k(I_{kj} - y_j)$, where I_{kj} are elements of the identity matrix. [Exercise]

Multi-class Error Function

- Error Function: negative log-likelihood

$$E(w_1, \dots, w_k) = -\ln p(T|w_1, \dots, w_k) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N}\sum_{k=1}^{K} t_{nk} \ln y_{nk}$$

- $y_{nk} = \frac{\exp(a_{nk})}{\sum_j \exp(a_{nj})}$, $a_{nk} = w_k^T \phi_n$
- Want: $\frac{\partial E(\cdot)}{\partial w_j} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{-\partial t_{nk} \ln y_{nk}}{\partial y_{nk}} \frac{\partial y_{nk}}{\partial a_{nj}} \frac{\partial a_{nj}}{\partial w_j} =$
- $= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} - \frac{t_{nk}}{y_{nk}} \left[y_{nk}\left(I_{jk} - y_{nj}\right)\right] \phi_n$
- $= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(y_{nj} t_{nk} - I_{jk} t_{nk}\right) \phi_n$
- $= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \underbrace{(y_{nj} - t_{nj})}_{\text{Prediction error of the j-th outcome}} \phi_n$ $\quad$ $(since \sum_k t_{nk} = 1)$

IRLS Algorithm for Multi-class

- Hessian matrix comprises blocks of size *M x M*
  - Block *j,k* is given by

$$\nabla_{w_k}\nabla_{w_j}E(w_1, \dots, w_k) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_{nk}(I_{kj} - y_{nj})\phi_n\phi_n^T$$

  - Hessian matrix is positive-definite, therefore error function has a unique minimum
  - Note the total size of H is $MK \times MK$
- Batch Algorithm based on Newton-Raphson

3. Probit Regression

- Logistic transformation is good for exponential family
- Not suitable for some types of probability-based inference models (e.g. Gaussian Mixture)
- Alternative discriminative model is based on probit function (which is the CDF of a zero-mean Gaussian)
  - Note that a CDF also goes between 0 and 1

Probit Activation Function

- Two-class case, Generalized Linear Model

  $$p(t = 1|a) = f(a)$$

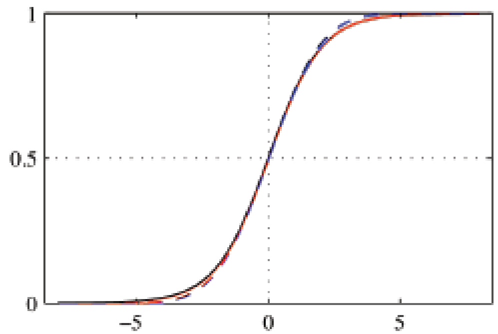
  - where $a = w^T\phi$ and $f(.)$ is the activation function
- Consider stochastic (noisy) threshold model
  - For input ϕ_n, evaluate $a_n = w^T\phi_n$ and draw a random variable $\theta \sim N(\theta; 0, 1)$.
  - Assign target value as $\begin{cases} t_n = 1 & if\ a_n \geq \theta \\ t_n = 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$
  - Then $p(t_n = 1|a_n) = p(\theta \leq a_n)$

    $$= \int_{-\infty}^{a_n} N(\theta; 0, 1) d\theta = \Phi(a_n)$$

Probit Function

It is the CDF of a zero-mean unit-variance Gaussian

$$\boxed{\Phi(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{a} N(\theta|0,1)d\theta}$$



It has a *sigmoidal* shape & related to the *erf* function which is usually tabulated

$$\mathrm{erf}(a) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_{0}^{a} \exp\left(\frac{-\theta^2}{2}\right) d\theta$$

It represents the probability that the error lies between $\pm\, a$

With the relationship

$$\Phi(a) = \frac{1}{2}\left\{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathrm{erf}(a)\right\}$$

Probit Regression

- Generalized Linear Model based on Probit activation function
- Parameters determined using maximum likelihood
- Results similar to Logistic Regression
  - Probit is more sensitive to outliers